

The preliminary investigation has determined the incident occurred around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2018 when troopers responded to the 80 block of Barefoot Lane for a reported Home Invasion. The investigation revealed that an unknown suspect had approached the residence and knocked on the door. Upon the homeowner/victim, 31-year-old male of Frederica opening the door, he was struck in the head by an unknown blunt force object. As the victim fell to the floor, a scuffle ensued. The victim was subsequently held down by the suspect who then began communicating with a second suspect who entered the residence. The second suspect proceeded to the bedroom where he removed three firearms, several boxes of ammunition, and an undisclosed amount of cash. Once these items were obtained, both suspects fled the residence on foot.

The first suspect was described as a white male in his

mid-30's, stocky, with reddish hair and a goatee, wearing an unknown color sweatshirt, and light colored sweatpants. A description of the second suspect could not be provided.

The victim was transported to a local area hospital by a private vehicle where he was treated and released with non life threatening injuries that he sustained during this incident.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident, they are asked to please contact Detective B. Beck, Troop 3 Criminal Investigative Unit at 302-698-8527. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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